

Jacob's Well

May 2019



May 5 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

Greeter: Joan Lapitsky

Liturgist: Paulette Foote

Ushers: Katrina Harrington/Makenzie Harrington

Counters: Paula Sheely/Amber Deyoe

Communion Servers: Paula Sheely/Bridget Critelli/Amber Deyoe

Communion Cleanup: Carolyn Markwith

May 12 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lectionary Readings: Acts 9: 36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7: 9-17; John 20: 22-30

Greeter: Patti Booth

Liturgist: Bruce Guerineau

Ushers: Bill Olmert/Matthew Waldinger

Counters: Susanna Combs/Bridget Critelli

May 19 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lectionary Readings: Acts 11: 1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35

Greeter: Bill Olmert

Liturgist: David deVelder

Ushers: Bridget Behrens/Dick Behrens

Counters: Anne Mitchell/Bridget Critelli

May 26 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lectionary Readings: Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21: 10, 22 -22:5; John 14: 23-29

Greeter: Amber Deyoe

Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith

Ushers: Eddie Fish/Terri Richards

Counters: Paula Sheely/Amber Deyoe

Our worship services begin at 10:00am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

Guest Editorial...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (4th in a series) "Thy Will Be Done"

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done" are synonymous, so states Lois A. Tverberg, Ph.D, Biblical scholar and professor of biology at Hope College. If God's will is done, we are experiencing the kingdom. This thought is an echo of Andrew McLaren, 19th century Baptist pastor in England. "The doing of God's will is the sign of God's kingdom having come." As we sincerely recite these words in the Lord's Prayer, we are aligning our will with God's will; we are submitting ourselves to him, and asking that his way triumphs. Adam Clarke, a Methodist pastor of the early 19th century, said, "The will of God is infinitely good, wise, and holy; to have it fulfilled in and among men, is to have infinite goodness, wisdom and holiness diffused throughout the universe: and earth made the counterpoint of heaven."

Making evidence of doing God's will more tangible, scriptural interpreters have connected obedience to God's law with God's will being done. Albert Barnes, 19th century Presbyterian theologian, said, "The word *will* here has reference to God's law and to what would be acceptable to God, that is *righteousness*. To pray that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven is to pray that *law*, God's revealed *will*, may be obeyed and loved." The Books of the Law found in the Old Testament, are replete with phrases indicating that the keeping of God's law is synonymous with righteous living, with security and success. The psalmist, David, "took delight in God's law" (Psalm 119: 77) and emphatically said, "I really love your law." (Psalm 119:97)

In his commentary on "Thy will be done," 20th century theologian, William Barclay, addresses obedience to God's law (God's revealed will) but warns against obedience that is performed out of fear of possible consequences, obedience that is done out of obligation. Rather, our attitude toward keeping God's law should echo the psalmist, in that it should be "the attitude of the lover whose greatest joy is to obey the least behest of his (her) loved one."

Matthew Henry, the 10th century English pastor and acclaimed Bible commentator, along with William Barclay, point to Jesus' example of doing God's will as our standard. In John 5:30, we read, "I seek not my own will, but the will of Him who sent me." In the Garden of Gethsemane, facing his suffering on the cross, Jesus prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but thine be done." (Luke 22: 42) Barclay declares that doing God's will "was the ruling principle of Jesus' own life."

This concludes our look at the first three of the seven petitions that constitute The Lord's Prayer. The remaining seven have to do with our physical, relational, mental, and spiritual needs. In the next article we will consider "Give us this day our daily bread."

Dick Behrens

Church Family

BIRTHDAYS

1: Caitlin (Clary) Perkins
2: Meghan Coral Hayes
4: Charlotte Morrill
6: Ethan Clary
7: Desiree DiCiccio
8: Samantha Galagan
8: Jeffrey Booth
8: Paula Hayes Sheely
10: Bridget Critelli
11: Mark Booth
11: Paulette Foote
15: Myra Edgar
15: Cheryl Jones
17: Anne Mitchell
18: Nugent Edgar
25: Katrina Harrington
26: Maggie Correll
27: Anna Bierma
28: Rev. Joyce deVelder
28: James Thayer
28: Amanda (Fugle) Markwith
29: Pam Seward



ANNIVERSARIES

2: Bruce and Suzanne Guerineau
8: Roger M. and Yvonne Sherman, 1994
14: Joshua and Wendy (Russell) Fedderly, 1995
15: Richard and Pat Behrens, 1971
17: Kenneth and Jessica Mac Millan, 2003
26: Marion (Davies) and Franck Beaufreton

THANK YOU

..to **Cindy Brockman** and **Helen Lofgren** who arranged the plants for the Easter service
..to **Dave Garrand** who cleaned up the church lawn of winter debris
..to **Doug Sheely** and **Mike Hayes** who installed the new back foyer door

PASTOR JOYCE AND FAMILY ON VACATION 4/23-5/2

The deVelders will be making their annual trip to visit family in Michigan from April 23-May 2. Pastoral care needs may be directed to **Elder Paula Sheely**, V.P., directly, or through the church office (518-695-3479). Pastor Jenn Legg will be on call during the time Pastor Joyce is away. Prayer Chain requests can be made through the church office or by calling **Chris Garney** (518-695-6638).

OUR FRIENDS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES/HOMEBOUND

(We've listed the names and addresses of our church members/friends for the purpose of remembering them in prayer or with a card.)

Chauncey Mabb, Crescent Manor, 312 Crescent Blvd. , Bennington, VT 05201, 1-802-379-3148

Shirley Mabb, Saratoga Center A 110, 149 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa NY 12020

Bette Tucker, Wesley Community, Victoria 212, 133 Lawrence St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Pat Burke, Wesley Community, Victoria, 133 Lawrence St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Florence Brown, The Sentinel, 10 Market Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010

HOSPITALIZED IN APRIL

Tom Wilbur –Saratoga Hospital

IN OUR PRAYERS

*"Pray at all times in the Spirit....making supplication
for all the saints." (Ephesians 6: 18)*

Ruth Hayes	Bette Tucker
Dwight Colvin	Tom Wilbur
Alyson Fitzgerald	Anne Mitchell
Thomas Altrogge	David Garrand
Rod Borgman	John Bodnar
Trevor Lewie	Naomi Thayer
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sandy Horsfield
Evie Senecal	Alicia Lewie
Charlotte Morrill	Gerry Barber
Susie Murphy	Sue Hughes
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Suzanne Guerineau
Ryan Markwith	Clyde Wells

THANKS RECEIVED..

..from *The Giving Circle* for a donation of **\$312** which will support a teacher in Uganda for a year

..from *Wilton Emergency Squad* for a donation of **\$97**

..from *Community Hospice* for a donation of **\$105**

NEW ARRIVAL

Silas Louis Garney was born on April 7, 2019 at Saratoga Hospital. Silas weighed 8lbs 10oz and was 22 inches long.



Congratulations to parents **Eric Garney and Kayleigh Goossens**, siblings **Lilah** (6) and **Clayton** (2) and to Grandmother **Chris Garney!**

SYMPATHY



Our sympathy in Christ and prayers for God's comfort are extended to the following families in their recent loss of loved ones:

..to the family of **Richard Paul Mellen** who died on April 17 in Arkansas, where he was hospitalized for end-stage cancer of the liver. "Rick" as we called him (his family called him **Richie**) was a long term missionary, with his wife **Priscilla**, with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Rick was born in Schuylerville and joined OSRC in Dec. 1956. Later he dedicated his life to serving God and helped touch the lives of many people in different countries where they served. There were several times when Rick and Priscilla visited their supporting churches (including OSRC) to share their ministry and witness to their joy and faith. Their newsletter often told of how they saw God at work in the lives of those with whom they lived and served. Rick is survived by his wife, Priscilla, and his siblings: **James Mellen, Patti Booth, Marion Barton, Michael Mellen and their families**, along with extended family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at OSRC on Sat., May 11 at 4pm, with Pastor Joyce officiating.

..to the family, friends, housemates and caregivers of **Rosemary (Rosie) Driscoll** (62) who died on April 4 at her Homestead Road home. Rosie was a baptized member of the Church of St. Peter in Saratoga, where a Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 10. For many years before the onset of aging and illness, Rosie came to OSRC with her sister-in-law, **Pam Driscoll**. She would most often come up for All God's Children, and brought smiles to our faces (and often tears to our eyes) when she reached for the microphone to sing "Jesus Loves Me." Rosie touched us with her special ways of loving and being herself. She is survived by her brother **Joe Driscoll (and Pam)**, another brother **Malcolm**, and two sisters, **Eileen and Jean Marie**, and by several nieces and nephews, including **Brian (Sarah) Driscoll** of Boston.

Church Life

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

"Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name." Psalm 30: 4

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

**"Rise Up, O Saints of God! From vain ambitions turn:
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler
zeal might burn."**

The text of this hymn was written in 1978 by Norman O. Forness, a professor of history at Gettysburg College. Forness was asked to write a hymn referring to the need for vigorous Christian service that could be sung by the whole church. The mention of the "whole church" points to a hymn of similar construction that was composed sixty-seven years earlier by William P. Merrill, a Presbyterian pastor in Chicago which bore the title, "Rise Up, O Men of God".

There does not appear to be any intent on Dr. Merrill's part to exclude women from a call to service in the church. Rather, "Rise Up, O Men of God" was written to be sung at a meeting of the Presbyterian brotherhood movement. "Akin to a Christian fraternity, the association needed a strong text to inspire the assembly of men to Christian action."¹

There are numerous hymns written in Dr. Merrill's post-Civil War era that address the need for the church to respond to the wrongs created by rapid industrialization, big money, and the harboring of wealth by a few to the detriment of the masses of common folk. The theology behind the call to service has been referred to as the "social gospel". Unfortunately, the condition of the poor and the marginalized continues today making Forness' 1978 hymn equally relevant as was its predecessor.

The exact words of the two hymns vary greatly but the themes and the call are the same. Where the 1911 hymns speaks of "ending the night of wrong", the 1978 hymn speaks of "redressing sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place". Merrill's hymn speaks of "having done with lesser things." Forness calls us to turn "from vain ambitions." Both hymns speak of "following where Christ has trod".

The third stanza of "Rise Up, O Saints of God" appears to best summarize the need for Christian service as expressed in both hymns, and reads as follows:

**"Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain:
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak
sustain."**

1. The Worshiping Church: A Hymnal, Worship Leaders' Edition p. 670

Dick Behrens

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, May 20 at noon**. The hostess for the day is **Terri Richards**. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Please bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided.

PASTOR JENN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sun. 5/5 FMRC

Sun. 5/12 OSRC

Sun. 5/19 Vacation

Sun. 5/26 BHRC

LOOK FOR THE "AWARENESS BOARD" AT CHURCH!

We thank **Bridget Critelli**, our church Disability Advocate, for putting together an attractive board to share information and events that have to do with understanding and supporting people with disabilities! (Bridget is planning to attend the INSPIRE Conference in Windsor, Ontario, (Aug. 1-3) with other disability advocates from around the country.

QUARTERLY MISSION

Fowler Ministries

The mission for the second quarter (April-June) is Fowler Ministries, which helps support and sustain not only the camp itself, but its programs and ministries.

"The camp has been set aside for 65 years to allow congregations to experience a holy world, loved-redeemed-sustained by a Holy God. We are, all together, stewards of 245 acres, 1000 feet of lakefront, over 30 buildings, all the children who visit, and all the creatures which make their homes there. Donations from congregations account for about 20% of the support needed to sustain Camp Fowler."

Rev. Kent Busman

Coin boxes are available on the back table of the sanctuary, or you may make a donation by check to "OSRC" earmarked "Fowler Ministries." Boxes are due back Sunday, June 23.

FOWLER CAMPERSHIPS

If you would like to help our youth who attend Camp Fowler on their spiritual journey, you may make a donation to help cover the cost of a week in the beautiful Adirondacks. In the past we have helped each of the youth who attend by paying part of the cost. Please make your check to OSRC, earmarked **"Campership"** Thank you!



PROPERTY NEWS

The Property Committee met in April and was subsequently in contact with our fire alarm provider, following an inspection. The report detailed a need to replace some of the equipment at a cost of **\$735.50**. **David deVelder** offered to call to ask if we could have a church discount, and we are happy to report that the company will replace and install all the equipment at no cost to us!

We are investigating using more solar power, and have received information from several companies. The Classis of Schenectady has urged all its churches to examine their "carbon footprint" to see if there are ways it can be reduced. OSRC is already doing many of the suggested ways of doing this, by recycling, using energy efficient lighting, and having programmable thermostats. **Next meeting is May 5, following worship.**

NEW GRADUATES

If you have a child or grandchild who will be graduating this May or June, please let the church office know (oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com). We will be including the graduates in the July/August edition of Jacob's Well.



Church Cleanup Day

Sat. May 4 at 9am



Please sign up to come for the morning or some portion.

We need everyone's help!

Refreshments at 10:30am!

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

*All are welcome to come read and learn more
about the Gospel of Luke!*

The Ecumenical Bible Study continues its meetings, held each **Wednesday morning at 10am** at OSRC in Loomis Hall. Interested people of any denomination are invited to join the group.

GARDENER NEEDED



We are in need of someone to care for the flower beds around the church. If you have a few hours to spare, the flowers would appreciate your loving care.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

The Church Family Picnic will once again be held at the home of Duffy and Bill Whitehouse on **Sunday, June 9 at High Noon.**

Come and enjoy a day in the country, good food, and the company of the members and friends of OSRC!

Watch for the signup sheet!



ACTIVE SHOOTER SEMINAR

On **Sunday, May 19 at 11:15 am**, members of the School and Emergency Services Team from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department will be present to discuss how we can secure our church and community space. We will learn about the precautions that can be taken on a daily basis to keep us safe, while reviewing things that are often overlooked or taken for granted when it comes to safety. Everyone is encouraged to attend, particularly in light of the recent shootings at places of worship in our country and others around the world.

JOINT WORSHIP OF TURNING POINT CHURCHES

On Sunday, April 28, our local Reformed churches (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller) joyfully joined together to worship God! **Pastor Jenn** led the service, and people from each of the churches participated in various ways. A choir, made up of singers from all the churches, reprised the song which they had sung at Pastor Jenn's commissioning service in Nov. 2017. It was an upbeat arrangement of "Amazing Grace" and was well received by the congregation. During this time, an offering was taken for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Turning Point Wesleyan Church in Fort Miller, who lost their church building to recent flooding. A total of **\$712** was donated!

Following the service, everyone went down to Loomis Hall for refreshments, which were provided by all the churches. There was much conversation and fellowship, as worshipers greeted one another and lingered to visit together.

***"How pleasant it is to dwell together
in unity!"*** Psalm 133:1

Community Life

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP

116 Broadway, Schuylerville NY



Tues.- Sat. 11am -4pm

Donations gladly accepted during store hours

Volunteers are always needed!

Call Charlotte at 518-695-4640

Next Board meeting: May 17 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M, F & 3rd Saturday

(Mobile Food Pantry at Schuylerville United
Methodist Church 4th Tues. 1:30-3pm)

518-507-6043

TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Faith Chapel opens its doors every
Tuesday evening from 5-8pm to
anyone who wants to come in and
pray or meditate. Hot chocolate and
tea are available.

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

5/4 Sat. 10am *Bacon Hill Bonanza
Road Race*

5K and 10K, with 1 Mile Kids' Fun Run

For more info or to register

www.baconhillbonanza.com



FLAGS AT NATIONAL CEMETERY



When: Saturday, May 25 8am-noon

Where: Saratoga National Cemetery

What: to place American flags on every
veteran's gravesite to pay tribute
to the service and sacrifice of each
of the men and women buried there

At 11 am there will be a Memorial Day
Ceremony

LOCAL PLANT SALES

Schuylerville Garden Club
Sat. May 11 8am until sold out
Fort Hardy Park Youth Center
Rain or shine!!



Quaker Springs United Methodist
Sat. May 18 9am-1pm
466 Route 32 South
Rain or shine!!

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 18 8am-12 noon

Wilton Emergency Squad 2

901 Rt. 29 (General Schuyler)

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or walk in

ROCK VOICES

When: Sunday, May 5 6pm

Where: Revelation Church, 59 Pine Road
Saratoga Springs

What: Concert of 75+ voices and
professional band singing
and playing 80's rock music

Cost: Adults \$15, Seniors \$12- benefit
for Wellspring (Domestic Violence)

(Kim Thayer and Duffy Whitehouse are part of this
group)



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Sat. May 4 9am- 12 noon
Refreshments mid- morning!
Come and join the fun!!!